Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it not amended recently, one or two years back?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—It was amended, but I do not remember the exact date.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Engineer report to the Government when the Standing Orders were amended that it was not necessary for him to get the sanction of the Government?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why he did not do so?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—It was not necessary to make a special report.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is he given any travelling allowance?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So his pay was fixed in accordance with the allowance for these 20 days' tour. He is getting a consolidated allowance and is not getting any T. A. and he was to travel for 20 days. If he has not travelled for 20 days, should he get his additional pay?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—He gets only a certain amount as pay. There is no allowance

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why no allowance is given to him?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Government ordered that he should be given only the pay.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When the pay was settled, it was also said that he should go on tour for 20 days?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—May I know the question?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why he was not given T. A. as the other officers? Is it because in his pay his T. A. also is included?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I want notice to answer that question.

Combined post of Depot Store-Keeper and Traffic Inspector.

99. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the qualification necessary for one to hold the combined post of Depot Store-keeper and the ex-officio Traffic Inspector of the Cochin Forest Tramway;

(2) the qualifications of the present incumbent;

(3) should the Depot Store-keeper on the grade of Rs. 35—50 at least pass the Tramway Department Test and

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Account Test, as other subordinates of the Tramway Department who draw Rs. 40 and above;

(4) has the present incumbent been exempted from the same; and if so, the number and date of the Government sanction;

(5) are there any rules that the ex-officio Traffic Inspector should be on tour; if so. how many days in a month;

(6) if the answer is in the affirmative, the number of days spent by him on tour during 1105 and 1106;

(7) if the answer is in the negative, is it not necessary to frame rules fixing the number of days he should be on tour to see to the proper working of trains in the different sections of the Tramway in accordance with the Forest Department Traffic programme;

(8) has the Engineer ever taken notice of this; if so, what action has he taken and the result;

(9) if not, does the Engineer find it necessary that some rule has to be framed?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) This post is exempted from the operation of Standing Order No. 1.

(2) Passed School Final.

(3) No.

(4) No reply in view of answer to (3)

(5) No.

(6) No reply in view of answer to (5) above.

(7) Since he has duplicate duties to attend to as Depot Store-keeper and ex-officio Traffic Inspector no hard and fast rules are called for. He has been going up according to exigencies of service.

(8) No reply in view of answer to (7) above.

(9) Vide answer to (7).

Baley Petromax light.

100. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of Baley Petromax lights in the Tramway Department;

(2) in whose custody they are;

(3) the spare parts purchased for the above in 1106 and 1107?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) There is no Baley Petromax.

(2) and (3). No answer is called for in view of the answer to part (1).

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